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SUBJ: ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE: AFGHAN REACTION TO STATEMENT OF
PAK INTERIOR MINISTER KHAN ABDUL QAYEUM KHAN

1. NEWSPAPER AND RADIO HAVE HEADLINED AFGHAN AMBASSADOR PAZHWAK'S
REPLY TO PAK INTERIOR MINISTER KHAN ABDUL QAYEUM KHAN'S FEB 17
REMARKS AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL OF AFGHAN DELEGATE. MEDIA QUOTES
QAYEUM KHAN WHILE WELCOMING AFGHAN PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE
AS SAYING IF AFGHANISTAN WANTS TO STRENGTHEN FRIENDLY RELATIONS
WITH PAKISTAN, IT SHOULD DROP PASHTUNISTAN CLAIM. PAZHWAK'S REPLY
AS REPORTED BY BAKHTAR NEWS AGENCY WAS THAT AFGHANS HAD STATED THEY
DID NOT WANT TO RAISE ISSUE AT LAHORE AND IF PAKISTAN REALLY
WISHED FRIENDSHIP OF AFGHANISTAN IT SHOULD NOT WELCOME AFGHAN
DELEGATION WITH SUCH WORDS. PAZHWAK POINTED OUT "PEOPLE LIKE"
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QAYEUM KHAN CONSTANTLY OBSTRUCT CONSOLIDATION OF FRIENDSHIP

BETWEEN TWO NATIONS, AND MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT "IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO CONCEAL THE DEMANDS OF PASHTUNS AND BALUCHIS", HE SAID THAT WHILE DURING BRITISH RULE INDIVIDUAL PASHTUN OR BALUCH HAD BEEN PUT IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY "THOSE WHO WERE THE REAL SERVANTS OF THEIR PEOPLE WERE IN PRISONS". CONCLUDING, PAZHWAK ASKED, "ISN'T SITUATION TODAY THE SAME IN PASHTUNISTAN?"

2. COMMENT: SOME AFGHANS HERE HAVE SPECULATED THAT PAKS WERE DELIVERATELY TRYING TO PROVOKE NOTORIOUSLY SHORT-TEMPERED PAZHWAK INTO OUTBURST ON PASHTUNISTAN TO THEREBY DISCREDIT AFGHANS AT LAHORE CONFERENCE. AS NOTED SEPTTEL, PRESIDENT DAOUD WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF QAYEUM'S ACTION IN DISCUSSING EVENT WITH CODEL FRELINGHUYSEN.
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